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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 0.8 Percent in May

HARRISBURG, PA, June 17, 2011 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during May 2011 totaled 939 million pounds, 0.8 percent below last May's production of 947 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 543,000 head, no change from April 2011, but 2,000 more than May 2010.

Production per cow averaged 1,730 pounds in May, 40 pounds more than April's production per cow but 20 pounds less than May 2010's average of 1,750 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during May 2011 totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from May 2010. April production, revised at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2010.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,899 pounds for May, 6 pounds above May 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.45 million head, 103,000 head more than May 2010 and 15,000 more than April 2011.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011
Milk Cows	Thous.	541	543	543	8,347	8,435	8,450
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,750	1,690	1,730	1,893	1,834	1,899
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	947	918	939	15,804	15,471	16,043

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